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SUBJECT: MICROPHONE IN FRENCH EMBASSY FOR NATO LUNCH

1. AT THE NATO AMBASSADORS LUNCH ON JUNE 24, FRENCH AMBASSADOR D'HARCOURT PASSED AROUND BOOKLET WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DEVICE PLANTED UNDER A RADIATOR IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATO AMBASSADORS LUNCH THERE ON MAY 23.

2. THE EXAMINATION OF THE BOOKLET WAS DONE WITHOUT ANY ORAL COMMENTARY, SO NO QUESTIONS WERE POSSIBLE. AT AN OUTDOOR RECEPTION JUNE 26, D' HARCOURT TOLD CHARGE THAT FRENCH PRESS WAS NOW CARRYING STORY (WITH INACCURACIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCH AS THAT MIKE WAS PLANTED UNDER HIS CHAIR),

AND HE ASSUMED THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAD LEAKED THE
STORY ON PURPOSE.

3. BEING INEXPERT IN SUCH MATTERS, CHARGE COULD TELL
LITTLE FROM PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH SHOWED DEVICE TO BE
APPARENTLY HOLLOWED FROM A BLOCK OF WOOD, WITH
SEVERAL BATTERIES CONCEALED AND AN APERTURE FOR
TRANSMISSION. A NOTE SAID THE DEVICE WAS EXTREMELY
SENSITIVE AND WAS EFFECTIVE OVER 100 TO 200 METERS.
IT PRESUMABLY WAS PLANTED BY ONE OF THE CZECH SERVANTS
PREPARING THE LUNCH. (POSSIBLY THE FRENCH COULD
PROVIDE TECHNICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DEVICE IN
PARIS IF SY IS INTERESTED.)
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